



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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First Named Inventor : Dieter AMESOEDER
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Title : Filter Insert with Variable Length Center Tube

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 13, 2006, the period for response having been extended to August 13, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.